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RE: UNITED STATES v. CALVIN CAO

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the sentencing of Calvin Cao, of Cleveland Ohio, who was convicted of conspiracy to import methamphetamine into the United States. Cao was sentenced to 51 months imprisonment, 4 years of supervised release, a \$100 special assessment penalty by Sr. United States District Judge John T. Elfvin.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mary Clare Kane, who handled the case, stated that the defendant had been convicted of conspiracy to import methamphetamine on July 25, 2003 when he entered a plea of guilty to the crime. Cao was arrested on June 11, 2002, when he appeared along with another person for inbound inspection at the Rainbow Bridge in Lewiston, New York. A Border Inspector referred Cao's vehicle for secondary inspection. During subsequent secondary inspection of the vehicle, plastic bags hidden in the trunk containing 1,018 pills of Ecstacy were discovered.

The conviction was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement under the direction of Peter Smith, Special Agent in Charge.

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